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PUNJAB WAKF BOARD
BAJU BAN RIYAN;THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab Wakf Board is having surplus funds with it;

(b) if so, facts thereof;

(c) the steps being taken for utilizing the surplus funds for the developmental works at large scale;

(d) the steps taken to streamline the working of Wakf Boards and root out corruption from there; and

(e) the progress made so far in computerization of Punjab Wakf Board?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

SMT. MANEKA GANDHI

(a)&(b) Yes Sir. The surplus funds generated by streamlining the management and curtailing expenditure has been kept as deposits in commercial Banks and Financial Institutions.

(c) A number of Development Projects are in the pipe line.

(d) In order to streamline the working of Wakf Boards and root out corruption, the Punjab Wakf Board has initiated a number of steps like surprise checking of field staff and vigorous monitoring of departmental Inquiries initiated against officials of the Board.

(e) Punjab Wakf Board sent a comprehensive proposal to the Ministry. This proposal was examined in the Ministry in consultation with the National Informatics Centre (NIC). Observations made by the NIC have been communicated to PWB. The PWB is accordingly taking further action to collect relevant information and submit revised proposal to this Ministry.